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Abstract

The land-based sector in Buol District is the main source of livelihood for the community and therefore the trade-off between land provisions for developing its land-based sectors and improving ability of the landscape to store carbon stock is unavoidable. To support the local government of Buol District in formulating scenarios of land use planning towards low-emission development, this study resulted in analysis of land use/cover changes dynamic during 1996–2014, measurement carbon stock at plot level, and estimation of carbon emission at landscape level. This study also simulated the projection of carbon emission for the next 25 years based on the "business-as-usual" scenario.

Findings revealed that Forest, as the biggest carbon pool, was the main origin of the extensive development of Oil Palm Plantation and Complex Agroforestry as well as intermediate land uses/covers in the last two decades in Buol District. The carbon emission emitted by Forest transition to Oil Palm Plantation was seven times larger than Forest to Complex Agroforestry, even the total area of conversion from Forest to Oil Palm Plantation only 1.5 times larger than the conversion from Forest to Complex Agroforestry. Furthermore, deforestation and forest degradation activities contributed 77.6% of total net emission in Buol District during 2009–2014. The BAU projection for the next 25 years increased carbon emission as of 3.5 times than the baseline period (2009–2014). Under the land use planning for low emission development strategy, the study suggest four major activities in Buol District. To ensure commitment of stakeholders in implementing this strategy, the local government should integrate the strategy into District Development Plan and District Spatial Plan, so that the implementation can also be monitored and evaluated as part of the district agenda.

Keywords

Land use/cover changes, trajectories, deforestation, forest degradation, carbon emission, land use planning for low emission development strategy

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List of Abbreviations & Acronyms

ALUCT	Analysis of Land-Use/cover Changes and Trajectories
APL	Areal Penggunaan Lain (Other Land Uses)
ATCOR	Atmospheric and Topographic Correction for Satellite Imagery
BAU	Business-as-usual
BIG	Badan Informasi Geospasial (Geospatial Information Agency)
ETM+	Enhanced Thematic Mapper Plus
FGD	Focus Group Discussion
GHG	Green House Gases
GPS	Global Positioning System
HCS	High Carbon Stock
HCV	High Conservation Value
HOBC	Hierarchal object-based classification
HP	Hutan Produksi Tetap (Production Forest)
HPK	Hutan Produksi Konversi (Convertible Production Forest)
HPT	Hutan Produksi Terbatas (Limited Production Forest)
ICRAF	World Agroforestry Centre / international Centre for Research in Agroforestry
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
HD	High Density
LCDM	Landsat Data Continuity Mission
LD	Low Density
LOF	Logged-over Forest
LUS	Land Use System
LUWES	Land Use Planning for Low Emission Development Strategy
masl	meters above sea level
OBIA	Objet-based Image Analysis
OLI	Operational Land Imager
RaCSA	Rapid Carbon Stock Appraisal
REDD	Reducing Emission from Deforestration and Forest Degradation
SLC-OFF	Scan Line Corrector Off
TBS	Tree-based System

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Buol District is located in the northern part of Central Sulawesi Province, which stretches from 120° 50' 32.17" to 122° 11' 43.96" East and between 0° 40' 32.50" to 1° 18' 45.93" North. Located at an altitude of 0-1,000 meters above sea level (masl), the district borders Gorontalo Province to the west, Toli-toli District to the east, Celebes Sea to the north, and Parigi Moutong District to the south. The district covers a total area of 385,708 hectares (ha) with approximately two-thirds of the area comprising hills with steep and very steep slopes. The plain area is located downstream in the northern and central part of the district.

The population of Buol District was 132,330 in 2010, and the estimation in 2014 was about 145,889 (BPS Kabupaten Buol 2015). Approximately 43% of Buol's population in 2014 comprised laborers who mainly worked in land-based sectors, such as agriculture, livestock, forestry, plantation and mining. As the main source of livelihood in Buol District, the land-based sector requires vast areas for economic development, and the demand for land for production of various commodities continues to grow. The result is conversion of land use and cover for agricultural commodities. These changes affect the ability of the landscape to store carbon stock, which is one of the main indicators of environmental services provided by the landscape.

In many cases, trade-offs between land provisions for developing land-based sectors and improving the ability of the landscape to store carbon stock is unavoidable. To address this issue, the local government in partnership with the relevant stakeholders in the district, needs to formulate scenarios of land use planning towards low-emission development.



Figure 1. Location of Buol District, Central Sulawesi

1.2 Objectives

The formulation of land use planning scenarios towards low-emission development goals requires valid data and information related to land use/cover changes dynamics and how this affects the landscape carbon emission in the district. To support the local government of Buol District with robust data and information, this study involved the:

- 1. Analysis of land use/cover changes dynamic during 1996-2014,
- 2. Measurement carbon stock at plot level, and
- 3. Estimation of carbon emission at landscape level.

This study also simulated the projection of carbon emission for the next 25 years based on a "business-as-usual" scenario, which may be taken as consideration in formulating district's land use planning scenarios towards low emission development in Buol District.

2. Data and Methods

The study of dynamics of land use/cover change and carbon emission was conducted in Buol District, Central Sulawesi. It applied the Analysis of Land-Use/cover Changes and Trajectories (ALUCT) Framework (Dewi and Ekadinata 2013) using a five time-series (1996, 2000, 2005, 2009 and 2014) dataset. The Landsat images were the input data used to identify land use/cover changes and its trajectories in Buol District during 1996–2014. The study also applied the Rapid Carbon Stock Appraisal (RaCSA) tool (Hairiah et al 2011) to obtain carbon stock data for all types of land use/cover in Buol District. Finally, both land use/cover changes data and carbon stock data were used as activity data and emission factors respectively, to estimate carbon emission produced by the district in the last two decades.

2.1 Data

2.1.1 Ground-truth Data

Ground-truth data is a set of sample points of land use/cover types directly taken in the field (ground) using global positioning system (GPS). Ground-truth data captured some information, including location/point coordinates, description of its location, type of land use/cover, accuracy of the sample point and photographs. This data is very important due to it defined land use/cover types that would be considered as land use systems for conducting object-based image analysis and measuring carbon stock in plot level. Furthermore, it could also be used to determine the accuracy of the overall process.

2.1.2 Satellite Imageries

This study used a five time-series dataset (1996, 2000, 2005, 2009 and 2014) of Landsat imageries with spatial resolution of 30m (Appendix 1). Before this dataset was ready to be used as input of image classification, its raw dataset had to go through image pre-processing to correct its radiometric and geometric errors caused by interference from the atmosphere. Once the dataset was ready, image classification using object-based image analysis (OBIA) was conducted to classify corrected Landsat imageries in order to produce a five time-series land use/cover data for Buol District. Further, the data was combined resulting in land use/cover changes and trajectories, which would be used as activity

data of land management and practices to estimate the level of carbon emissions in Buol District in 1996–2014.

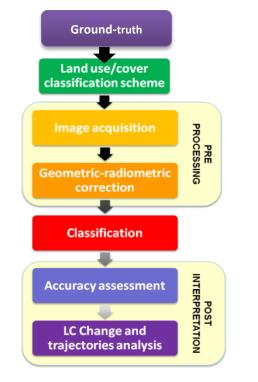
2.1.3 Carbon Stock Data

Carbon stock (C stock) is the quantity of carbon stored in the landscape as aboveground and belowground living or dead plant biomass and soil. The ability of landscape to restore its C stock becomes an important variable in climate change issues. As the carbon stock stays on the ground, it has the potential to reduce the concentration of greenhouse gas emissions in the atmosphere. The amount of C stock (ton C/Ha) differs from landscape to landscape depending on plant diversity and density, soil type and land management (Hairiah et al 2011). C stock in a landscape may be higher, when its landscape has fertile soil and contains a high diversity and density of plants, as well as applies sustainable land management practices. Thus, how people managing their landscape to maintain biodiversity and to reduce climate-change vulnerability determines the amount of carbon stock.

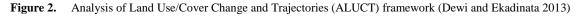
2.2 Methods

2.2.1 Analysis of Land Use/Cover Changes and Trajectories

The general framework for identifying land use/cover changes and trajectories in Buol District is Analysis of Land-Use/cover Changes and Trajectories (ALUCT) (Dewi and Ekadinata 2013), which consists of five main stages as described below.



- 1. *Ground-truth*, collecting sample points of land use/cover using GPS, includes its descriptions and photos, as the basis for defining land use/cover classification scheme and conducting image classification
- 2. *Clarification of the questions*, leading to the level of detail needed in the legend of land cover types and the resolution of images needed to do so
- 3. *Image acquisition* and *pre-processing*: Selecting the resolution, spectral properties and source of the images, selecting an image date relevant to the study and of sufficient quality (low cloud cover)
- 4. *Image classification* based on ground-truth sample points and/or pre-established spatial patterns
- 5. *Post interpretation analysis* focused on the research questions of interest, usually linking 'land use' and system life cycles to the land cover types that can be recognized



1. Ground-truth

Ground-truth was conducted in April 2014 in Buol District using rapid random sampling technique (Figure 3). The aim was to collect information of land use/cover types that exist in the

district, including sample points coordinate using GPS, description of its location, type of land use/cover, accuracy of the sample point and photographs. The total number of ground-truth points collected was 306 points, including 107 location points and 199 land use/cover points. Ground-truth data is used as the basis for defining land use/cover classification schemes and conducting image classification, as well as reference locations for measuring carbon stock at plot level. The ground-truth data are also eligible as reference points for accuracy assessment of land use/cover.

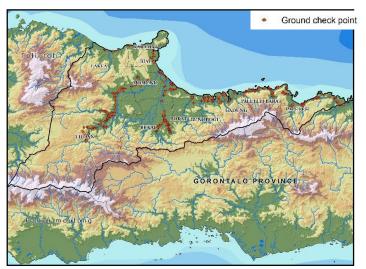


Figure 3. Distribution of ground-truth points

2. Defining the land use/cover classification scheme

Defining the land use/cover classification scheme requires initial information of land use/cover types in the study area, which may be obtained from sample points of land use/cover collected during the ground-truth activity, by holding discussions with local stakeholders, and through other related references/publication materials. Furthermore, defining the land use/cover classification scheme also requires knowledge of spatial and spectral properties of satellite images used. Both information and knowledge will determine the design of hierarchal level of land use/cover that will be applied in image classification in this study.

3. Image pre-processing

Image pre-processing is required to correct errors that occur on satellite images caused by disturbance from the atmosphere and topographical conditions. Image pre-processing consists of two main activities: radiometric and geometric corrections. To correct radiometric errors that occurs in Landsat images, this study used the Atmospheric and Topographic Correction for Satellite Imagery (ATCOR), a method used to reduce atmospheric and illumination effects on remotely sensed data to retrieve physical parameters of the earth's surface such as atmospheric conditions (emissivity, temperature), thermal and atmospheric radiance and transmittance functions in order to simulate the simplified properties of a 3D atmosphere¹. Furthermore, geometric corrections were applied to some Landsat images which were identified to have geometric errors. On correcting geometric errors, this study used official base maps published by the Geospatial Information Agency (BIG). Additionally, for Landsat 7 Enhanced Thematic

¹ Source: http://www.satimagingcorp.com/svc/atcor.html

Mapper Plus (ETM+) images that were released after May 2003, the images should be processed using SLC-OFF Gap Filling to correct errors caused by scan-line corrector (SLC) of Landsat 7 ETM+ failed on 31 May 2003.

4. Image classification

Image classification is a process that interprets spectral information from satellite images into land use/cover types. Hierarchal object-based classification (HOBC) is one of the many approaches that can be used to classify satellite images by considering ground-truth sample points and/or pre-established spatial patterns, as well as hierarchal classification schemes in the earlier stages. HOBC starts with the segmentation process to group similar spectral and spatial characteristics in the images into image objects (Figure 4). The segmentation process can be done in several phases to obtain the quality of land use/cover detail at different levels. Each level land use/cover type is interpreted using spectral and spatial rules. Details and complexity of land use/cover types increase at each level, therefore, each level applies a different set of rules. The outputs of these phases are called multi-resolution image segments, which work as a basis for the classification process done by the remote sensing application. This classification process may need several iterations until the classified images can describe the land use/cover types on the field.

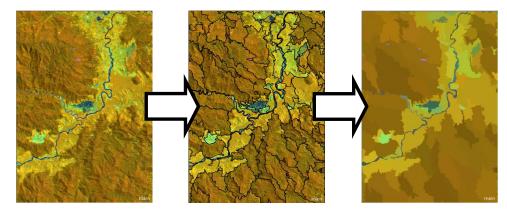


Figure 4. Segmentation process

5. Post interpretation analysis

Post interpretation analysis includes two main processes: accuracy assessment and land use/cover change and trajectories analysis. The accuracy assessment is required to assess the quality of land use/cover data produced in image classification by comparing the sample points of land use/cover types to corresponding pixels of the land use/cover data. Furthermore, the analysis of land use/cover change and trajectories aims to obtain advanced information on the changes of land use/cover area within a certain period, including the land use/cover transitions that are affecting the total area of land use/cover at the end of its period.

Accuracy Assessment

The accuracy assessment consists of four types: user accuracy, producer accuracy, overall accuracy and Kappa coefficient (Congalton and Green 2009). The producer's accuracy was arrived at by dividing the number of correct pixels for a class by the actual number of reference pixels for that class, while the user's accuracy was arrived at by dividing the number of correct pixels for a class. The overall accuracy was produced by dividing the number of correct pixels for all classes by the total number of sample pixels for all classes by the total number of sample pixels for all classes by the total number of sample pixels for all classes by the total number of sample pixels for all

classes. The Kappa coefficient expresses the proportionate reduction in error generated by a classification process compared with the error of a completely random classification, and it was calculated based upon the result of the error matrix and accuracy report.

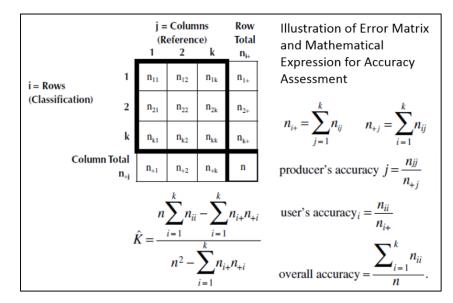


Figure 5. Illustration of Error Matrix and Mathematical Expression for Accuracy Assessment (Congalton and Green 2009)

Land Use/Cover Change and Trajectory Analysis

Analysis of land use/cover change and trajectory may be done by overlaying the time series of land use/cover data, and extracting its tabular data to analyse the areas of change in land use/cover in the study area. The overlay process may also combine the administration boundary and land designation data to obtain information on where the changes are occurring. This study used five time series land use/cover (1996, 2000, 2005, 2009 and 2014), administration boundary, and land designation data of Buol District as illustrated in the figure below.

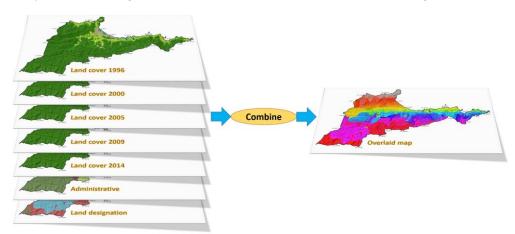


Figure 6. Illustration of overlaying process

2.2.2 Plot-level Carbon Measurement

Determining the C stock value starts by recognizing the life cycle of the system. Estimating the C stock can be achieved by taking representative samples that reflect the characteristics of the landscape

(Hairiah et al 2011). The land use system (LUS) approach is a common approach to characterize landscape, which combines information on land cover, land use and management activities to come up with the life cycle of the system and to build representative samples of C stock in the landscape.

In this study, C stock data were taken from plot-level carbon measurement and other references that represents the C stock in 17 land use/cover types in Buol District. Nested sampling plots of variable sizes adjusted to the C pool sampled were used along with methods to estimate the tree size from stem diameter (and height) and destructive sampling of soil and necromass (Hairiah et al 2011).

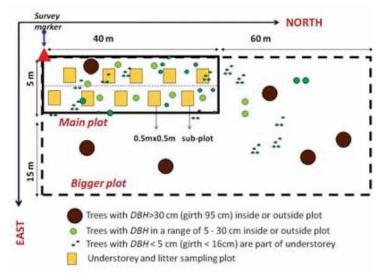


Figure 7. Diagram of nested plot for C stock measurement (Hairiah et al 2011)

2.2.3 Landscape-level Carbon Emission Estimation

Landscape-level carbon emission estimation requires two types of data: 1) area of land use/cover changes and trajectories (ha/year) as activity data; and 2) carbon stock change between land use/cover 1 to land use/cover 2 (ton C/ha) as an emission factor (Dewi et al 2011). Data about areas where changes of land use/cover have taken place is produced through land use/cover change analysis, while carbon stock change data is normally obtained from the difference between land use/cover 1 carbon stocks and land use/cover 2 that are measured in the field.

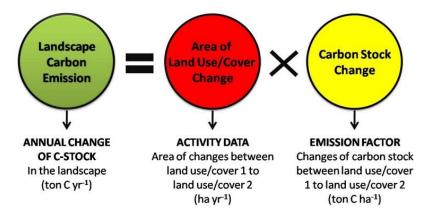


Figure 8. Landscape-level Carbon Emission Calculation (Dewi et al 2011)

3. Results

3.1 Land Use/Cover Classification

Based on samples of land use/cover types and discussions with local stakeholders, the study defined 17 land use/cover types that exist in Buol District. To obtain land use/cover data that covers the 17 types defined earlier, the study designed a land use/cover classification scheme in which every type of land use/cover, both in each level and between different levels, must be distinguished from one another based on spatial and spectral characteristics of Landsat images used. Level 1 consists of the most general land use/cover types, which only distinguish vegetation and non-vegetation types. Level 2 consists of land use/cover types that are the detail types of Level 1, while Level 3 and subsequent levels are the detail types of its previous levels. In practice, this hierarchal scheme (Figure 9) was applied in the object-based image analysis that produced five time-series data of land use/cover types in Buol District (Figure 10).

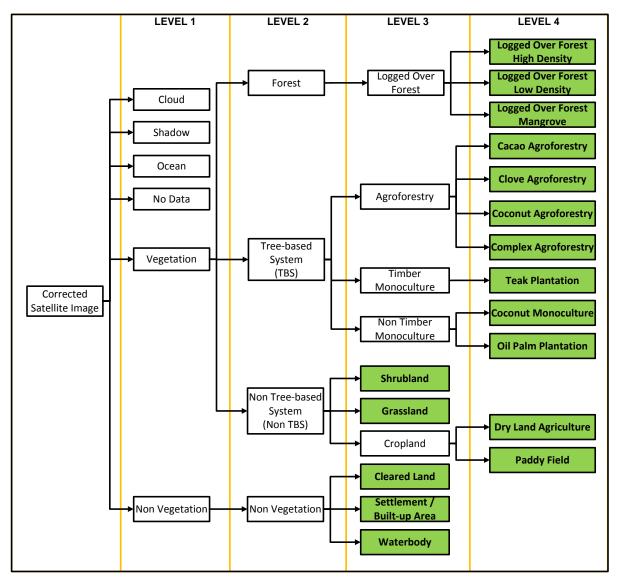


Figure 9. Hierarchal land use/cover classification scheme applied in Buol District

Box 1. Hierarchal land use/cover classification scheme

- Level 1, six initial land use/cover types were defined: Non Vegetation, Vegetation, No Data, Ocean, Shadow, and Cloud. At the later stage, Cloud, Shadow, and Ocean were considered as No Data.
- Level 2, Non Vegetation remained Non Vegetation, whereas Vegetation was divided into three types: Forest, Tree-based System (TBS), and Non Tree-based System (Non TBS).
- Level 3, Non Vegetation (Level 2) was divided into three types: Cleared Land, Settlement, and Water body. These types became the three final types of Non Vegetation. The Non TBS was divided into Shrubland, Grassland and Cropland, while TBS was divided into Agroforestry, Timber Monoculture and Non Timber Monoculture. Due to the fact that most of the forest area in Buol has been logged or encroached upon, this level Forest only had one type, which is Logged Over Forest.
- Level 4, there were 12 defined land use/cover types; these are drawn from the five land use/cover types at Level 3. Dry Land Agriculture and Paddy Field were derived from Cropland; Coconut Monoculture and Oil Palm Plantation were derived from Non Timber Monoculture; and Teak Plantation was derived from Timber Monoculture. Furthermore, there were four types of Agroforestry (AF) in Buol: Cacao AF, Clove AF, Coconut AF and Complex AF; and three types of Logged Over Forest (LOF): LOF-High Density, LOF-Low Density, and LOF Mangrove.

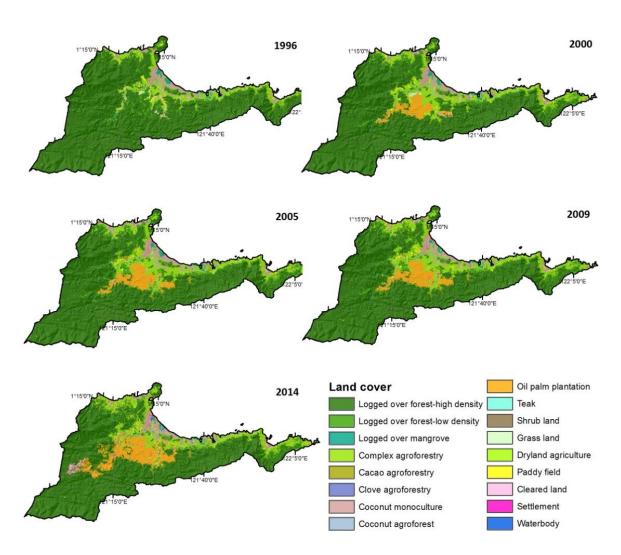


Figure 10. Figure 10. Time-series of land use/cover maps of Buol District

To assess the quality of land use/cover maps produced, the study conducted an accuracy assessment based on the classified image 2014. The accuracy assessment used 199 sample points of land use/cover types taken from ground truth activity as the reference data. It resulted in an overall accuracy of 84.92% with kappa accuracy of 83.23% (see Appendix 1 for details). The result of this accuracy assessment indicated that the image classification and the map quality are robust enough as the threshold of a good quality map – both overall accuracy and kappa accuracy – were higher than 75%.

The analysis found that Buol District with a total area of 385,708 hectares was dominated by Logged-Over Forest – High Density (LOF-HD), Logged Over Forest – Low Density (LOF-LD), and Complex Agroforestry (Table 1). These three were the largest land use/cover types in the district in 1996-2014. The LOF-HD and LOF-LD dominate the area with high elevation and steep slope, whereas Complex Agroforestry and other cultivation areas mostly occupied lower elevation and flatter areas in the northern part of Buol District.

ID	Land use/cover types	Area (in hectares)				
		1996	2000	2005	2009	2014
0	No data	262	262	262	262	262
1	Logged over forest - High density	311,204	285,862	269,669	267,657	255,456
2	Logged over forest - Low density	17,750	18,571	26,557	23,490	15,719
3	Logged over mangrove	2,676	2,465	2,249	2,115	1,862
4	Complex agroforestry	35,027	46,570	47,718	52,097	47,380
5	Cacao agroforestry	-	-	2,079	1,392	1,288
6	Clove agroforestry	250	256	281	281	281
7	Coconut monoculture	8,156	8,419	8,911	8,412	8,412
8	Coconut agroforestry	1,368	1,418	1,927	1,416	1,713
9	Oil palm plantation	-	14,840	18,458	19,831	33,268
10	Teak plantation	-	-	6	2	81
11	Shrub land	993	59	440	227	5,686
12	Grass land	676	669	-	-	69
13	Dry Land agriculture	1	259	150	248	2,200
14	Paddy field	2,910	2,318	1,581	3,243	3,913
15	Cleared land	2,054	878	1,456	747	2,129
16	Settlement	362	931	1,822	2,075	3,173
17	Water body	2,021	1,932	2,143	2,214	2,817
	Total	385,708	385,708	385,708	385,708	385,708

Table 1. Land use/cover type	s in Buol Dis	trict during 1996 - 2014
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2014's overall accuracy = 84.92% | 2014's Kappa accuracy = 83.23%

3.2 Land Use/Cover Changes and Trajectories

Based on the analysis of land use/cover changes, four land use/cover types (i.e. LOF-HD, LOF-LD, Logged Over Mangrove, and Grassland) decreased during 1996–2014. LOF-HD and Logged Over Mangrove were decreasing constantly. LOF-HD decreased significantly by 55,748 Ha in the last two

decades or 18% of the initial area of LOF-HD in 1996, while Logged Over Mangrove decreased by 813 Ha or 30% of its initial area. Slightly different from LOF-HD and Logged Over Mangrove, the areas of LOF-LD and Grassland fluctuated in size, but still, both land uses/covers decreased significantly.

Oil Palm Plantation and Complex Agroforestry increased considerably in 1996–2014. The development of Oil Palm Plantation was initiated in 2000, and had increased significantly since then. In 2014, the study found that approximately 33,268 Ha of Oil Palm Plantations had been established. Similar to Oil Palm Plantation, Complex Agroforestry also increased substantially. In total 12,354 Ha of new Complex Agroforestry was established in 1996–2014. The increasing area of Complex Agroforestry was also followed by other agroforestry types (i.e., cacao, coconut and clove agroforestry) and agriculture area (i.e. dry land agriculture and paddy fields). However, the rate of increase was not as high as that of Complex Agroforestry. An overview of land use/cover changes which occurred in Buol District are presented in Figure 11.

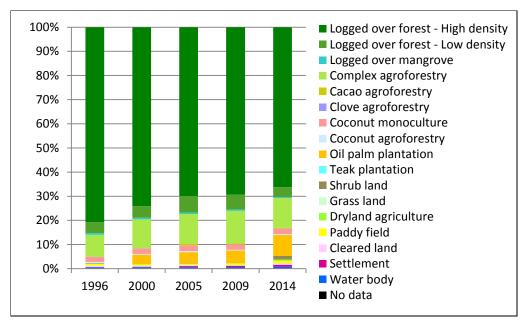


Figure 11. Proportion of land use/cover in Buol District during 1996 – 2014

To obtain more information on how the land use/cover changes occurred in Buol District, the study analyzed the land use/cover trajectories in order to examine the historical transitions from and/or to a land use/cover (Figure 12). Based on the result of the trajectories analysis, the study found that within the period 1996–2014, the area of Buol District was rapidly changing. In 1996–2000 the transformation was dominated by the conversion from Forest (LOF-HD and LOF-LD) to Complex Agroforestry and Oil Palm Plantation. This was the initial period of the Oil Palm establishment. During the next two periods (2000–2005 and 2005–2009), the trend of transition from Forest to Complex Agroforestry continued. Changes from Forest to Oil Palm Plantation was not the major one in Buol District. Within these two periods, Complex Agroforestry and Cleared Land were mostly transformed into Oil Palm Plantation. Forest was periodically converted into Oil Palm Plantation and Complex Agroforestry in the period of 2009–2014.

In summary, approximately 23% of the land use/cover of Buol District was changing during 1996–2014 dominated by the conversion from Forest to Complex Agroforestry (5%), from Forest to Oil

Palm Plantation (8%), and from LOF-HD to LOF-LD (3%). The data reveals that deforestation and forest degradation occurred in Buol by up to 13% and 3%, respectively.

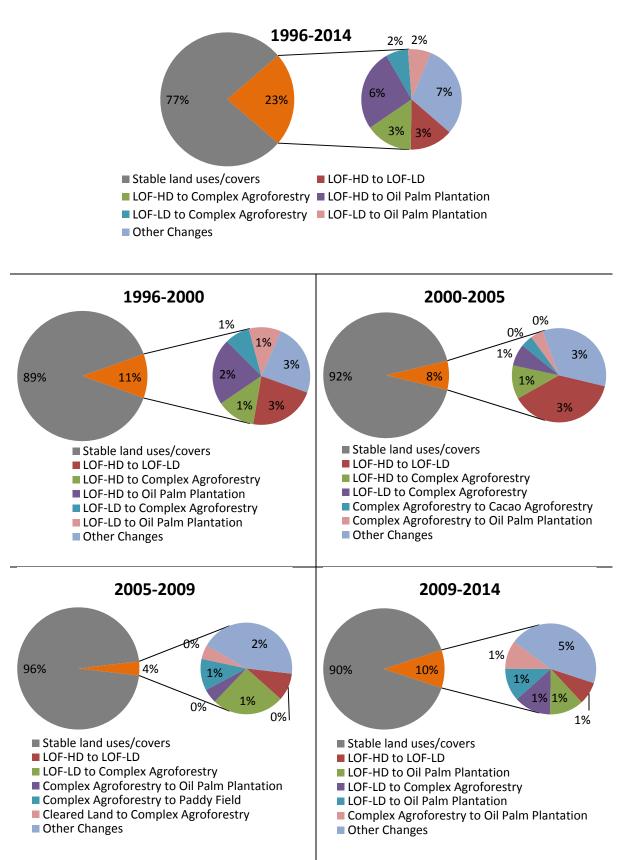


Figure 12. Major land use/cover trajectories in Buol District

3.3 Plot-level Carbon Stock Measurement

The defined 17 final land use/cover types were considered for carbon stock data collection of Buol District. In this study, carbon stock data was collected by conducting plot-level carbon stock measurements for six land use/cover types in Buol District (as primary data) in October 2014 with a total of 23 plots, while the rests were taken from secondary carbon stock data from several locations in Indonesia collected during 2000–2014.

Based on the carbon stock data collected, the study found that Forest types (i.e. LOF-HD, LOF-LD and Logged Over Mangrove) and Agroforestry types store more carbon stock compared to Monoculture Plantations (i.e. teak, coconut, and oil palm). Furthermore, Agriculture types (i.e. dry land agriculture and paddy fields), shrubland and grassland store less carbon stock than Forest, Agroforestry and Monoculture plantations in the field. Table 2 provides a summary of the carbon stock data at different land covers in Buol.

No	Land use cover	C stock (ton C/Ha)	Sample Location
1	Logged over forest-high density	181.4	Central Sulawesi (Buol)
2	Logged over forest-low density	88.7	Central Sulawesi (Buol)
3	Logged over mangrove	57.5	Jambi (Tanjabar)
4	Complex agroforestry	80.9	Central Sulawesi (Buol)
5	Cacao agroforestry	65.9	Central Sulawesi (Buol)
6	Clove agroforestry	79.3	Central Sulawesi (Buol)
7	Coconut monoculture	46.1	South and Southeast Sulawesi
8	Coconut agroforestry	84.1	Central Sulawesi (Buol)
9	Oil palm plantation	41.5	Sumatra, Kalimantan, Sulawesi
10	Teak plantation	51.2	East Kalimantan (Berau)
11	Shrub land	43.0	Sumatra, Kalimantan, Sulawesi
12	Grass land	3.4	Central Kalimantan
13	Dry land agriculture	1.0	Sumatra
14	Paddy field	1.0	Sumatra
15	Cleared land	0.0	-
16	Settlement	0.0	-
17	Water body	0.0	-

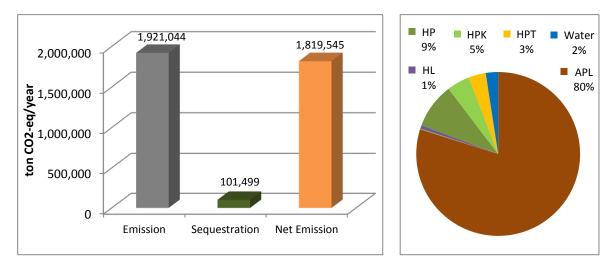
3.4 Landscape Carbon Emission

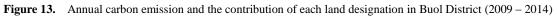
Landscape-level carbon emission is one of the parameters used to assess environmental services provided by a variety of land management in a landscape. Land use/cover changes reflects changes in land management, which in the end, results in change in carbon stock. Carbon emission from the landscape was calculated by using **REDD Abacus SP**² software developed by the World Agroforestry

² http://worldagroforestry.org/regions/southeast_asia/resources/redd-abacus-sp

Centre (ICRAF). Two basic pieces of information are required: (1) Land use/cover changes matrix in certain period providing information on land management and practices as the activity data and (2) Carbon stock data for each land use/cover as input to produce emission factors. Using this information, the software calculates the emission factors of each land use/cover change, and then multiplies its emission factors with the activity data (i.e. land use/cover changes matrix) to produce the Landscape Carbon Emission during a period of time.

In this study, carbon emission of Buol District was estimated by using data with 2009–2014 as the base period. The study found that during 2009–2014, the Net Carbon Emission in Buol District reached 1.8 million ton CO_2 -eq/year, as results of difference between total emission as of 1.9 million ton CO_2 -eq/year and total sequestration as of 101,499 ton CO_2 -eq/year. By applying forest delineation based on the forest land designation zones of Ministry of Forestry, the study showed that approximately 80% of the emissions occurred in Other Land Uses (APL)³, and up to 17% occurred in Production Forest zones (HP, HPT, and HPK)⁴ (Figure 13).





To get advanced information on contribution of land management affecting carbon emission, the study analyzed 10 types of land use/cover transition that produced large carbon emission in the district (Figure 14). The conversion from LOF-HD, LOF-LD, and Complex Agroforestry to other land use/cover became the largest contributors of carbon emission in Buol District. The LOF-HD conversions to Oil Palm Plantation, Cleared Land, Shrub Land, and LOF-LD contributed 53% of total net carbon emission, whereas the Complex Agroforestry conversions to Paddy Field, Oil Palm Plantation, Dryland Agriculture, and Shrubland contributed 19% of the net emission. In addition to this, the LOF-LD conversion to Oil Palm Plantation also contributed a significant amount of carbon emissions by 8% of the net emission. Most of these carbon emission contributors were located in APL zones, except the LOF-LD conversion to Oil Palm Plantation that was occurred in HP zones.

³ Other Land Uses/Areal Penggunaan Lain (APL)

⁴ Types of Production Forest: Production Forest/*Hutan Produksi Tetap* (HP), Limited Production Forest/*Hutan Produksi Terbatas* (HPT), and Convertible Production Forest/*Hutan Produksi Konversi* (HPK)

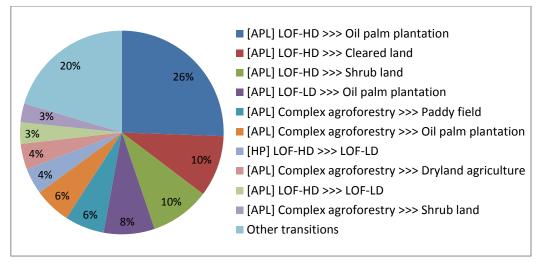


Figure 14. Contributions of land use/cover conversions to carbon emission in Buol District (2009–2014)

4. Discussions

During 1996–2014, Buol District has been experiencing significant land use/cover changes. About 23% of the total area has changed. The changes were dominated by the conversion from (1) Forest to Complex Agroforestry (5%), (2) Forest to Oil Palm Plantation (8%), and (3) LOF-HD to LOF-LD (3%). In addition to these changes, around 2% of Buol District was also deforested into intermediate land use/cover (Shrub land and Cleared Land) by 1.4%, Other Agroforestry (0.3%), and Agriculture (0.3%). As a result, both Complex Agroforestry and Oil Palm Plantation were the largest land use/cover types after LOF-HD in 2014. The study showed that Forest became the main origin of the extensive development of Oil Palm Plantation and Complex Agroforestry in the last two decades in Buol District.

These findings have been confirmed by the communities at three clusters of the World Agroforestry Centre's pilot projects (Upstream, Midstream and Coastal). The Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) in these clusters revealed that the development of Agroforestry and Oil Palm Plantation from Forest conversion would continue, and together with paddy fields, both land use/cover types will still dominate their clusters in the next 10 years (Tanika et al 2015). Communities in three clusters also described that these land use cover changes were driven by socio-economic motives, such as (1) population growth, (2) land productivity and profitability, (3) land provision for agriculture and plantation, and (4) income and livelihood driven.

Carbon emission as a result of land use/cover changes was analyzed for the period of 2009–2014. The analysis suggested that the transition from Forest to Oil Palm Plantation contributed to 35% of net emission and changes from Forest to Complex Agroforestry contributed only 5% of net emission in Buol District. The carbon emission emitted by the transition from Forest to Oil Palm Plantation was seven times larger than Complex Agroforestry even though the total area of conversion from Forest to Oil Palm Plantation was only 1.5 times larger than Complex Agroforestry. This significant difference in carbon emission from those two types of transitions was due to the ability of Complex Agroforestry to store carbon nearly two times larger than the one of Oil Palm Plantation. This ability will affect to emission factor of Complex Agroforestry development that is lower than emission factor of Oil Palm Plantation activities

contributed 77.6% of total net emission in Buol District during 2009-2014. If the "business-as-usual" (BAU) scenario is applied for the next 25 years, then the net carbon emission produced by Buol District will increase by up to 6.5 million ton CO_2 -eq/year, or in total about 32.43 million ton CO_2 -eq during 2034–2039. Figure 15 shows the projection of carbon emission in the next 25 years as result of the BAU scenario.

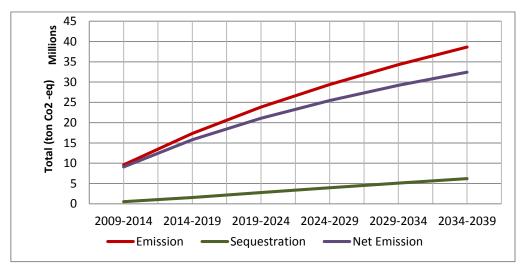


Figure 15. The projection of carbon emission for the next 25 years using the "business-as-usual" scenario

5. Conclusion and Recommendation

The projection of carbon emissions for the next 25 years as a result of BAU land management and practices will provide important notice to the local government on the potential of the District to contribute to high carbon emissions resulting in climate change. Existing literature indicates that climate change leads to several environmental problems, such as floods and droughts, sea level rise, changes in seasonal periods (climate), and changes in the ecosystem. At the local level, these environmental problems lead to uncertainty on planting periods, soil erosion, landslides, and less fresh water, all of which will have a negative impact on the livelihoods of people living in Buol District and the surrounding area. As a trade-off, extensive land development may increase the economic value of its land along with the land use profitability that is usually higher than unmanaged land.

Considering the trade-off between reducing emission and maintaining economic growth in land-based sectors, land use planning for low emission development strategy becomes one of the options as it balances development activities that emit carbon with activities that sequester carbon, while maintaining economic growth of the district. Under the land use planning for low emission development strategy, there are four major activities that may be relevant with the current situation of land-based development in Buol District:

- 1. Maximize the utilization of intermediate land uses/covers (shrub land and cleared land) for productive land-based development that may benefit both livelihood and carbon sequestration,
- 2. Promoting an agroforestry system that combine trees and crops that may increase carbon stock in the field as well as benefit livelihood of local communities,

- 3. Avoid forest conversion to extensive land-based development, such as monoculture oil palm plantation, to reduce emission from deforestation and forest degradation, and
- 4. Conserve high carbon stock (HCS) and high conservation value (HCV) areas that are providing environmental services for people and the ecosystem.

Finally, to ensure commitment of stakeholders in implementing this strategy, the local government should integrate the strategy into the District Development Plan and District Spatial Plan, so that the implementation can also be monitored and evaluated as part of the district agenda.

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Datasets	Path/Row	Data	Acquisition Date	Spatial Resolution	Source
1996	113/059	Landsat 4 TM	January 10, 1991	30 metres	USGS-NASA
	114/059	Landsat 5 TM	August 2, 1996		
2000	113/059	Landsat 7 ETM+	January 17, 2000	30 metres	USGS-NASA
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2005	113/059	Landsat 7 ETM+	May 21, 2004	30 metres	USGS-NASA
	114/059	Landsat 7 ETM+	September 20, 2005	-	
			October 22, 2005		
2009	113/059	Landsat 7 ETM+	October 13, 2010	30 metres	USGS-NASA
	114/059	Landsat 7 ETM+	January 18, 2009	-	
			May 10, 2009		
2014	113/059	LCDM 8 OLI	March 20, 2013 30 metres		USGS-NASA
	114/059	LCDM 8 OLI	January 14, 2014		
			February 9, 2014		

Appendix 1. List of Landsat Imageries

Appendix 2. Summary of accuracy assessment of land use/cover 2014

No.	Land use/cover	Reference totals	Classified totals	Number correct	Producer accuracy	User accuracy
1	Logged over forest - High density	14	14	14	100%	88%
2	Logged over forest - Low density	3	3	3	100%	75%
3	Logged over mangrove	4	4	4	100%	100%
4	Complex agroforestry	35	35	30	86%	83%
5	Cacao agroforestry	15	15	12	80%	100%
6	Clove agroforestry	7	7	5	71%	100%
7	Coconut monoculture	6	6	6	100%	75%
8	Coconut agroforestry	6	6	4	67%	100%
9	Oil palm plantation	18	18	17	94%	68%
10	Teak plantation	4	4	2	50%	100%
11	Shrub land	11	11	8	73%	62%
12	Grass land	-	-	-	-	-
13	Dry land agriculture	15	15	14	93%	93%
14	Paddy field	13	13	10	77%	91%
15	Cleared land	1	1	0	0%	0%
16	Settlement	35	35	29	83%	94%
17	Water body	12	12	11	92%	92%
	Total	199	199	169		

2014's overall accuracy = 84.92%

2014's Kappa accuracy = 83.23%

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